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REGULATIONS KEEP WORKERS ON JOBS

ABSENTEES TO LOSE RATION POINTS -- Politika, No 13235, 12 May 49

The federal Minister of Trade and Supply has announced that blue- and white-collar workers and officials who are absent from work without leave and their families will lose the right to buy certain kinds and quantities of rationed food, textiles, and shoes and the right to eat in blue- and white-collar workers' restaurants and messes for a period corresponding to the length of the unauthorized absence.

For example, a worker who is absent without leave up to 3 days during a month, consecutively or otherwise, will lose bread coupons for as many days as he was absent, his coffee coupon, and one fifth of the value of his meat and fats coupon from the next month's allowance. For unauthorized absence of 3 to 5 days he will lose bread coupons for as many days as he was absent, his coffee coupon, one fourth of his meat and fats coupons, and one fourth of his sugar coupons. For unauthorized absence of 5 to 7 days, he will lose as many bread coupons as the days he was absent, his coffee coupon, one third of his meat and fats coupons, and one third of the value of his sugar coupon. In case of unauthorized absence of more than 3 days in succession or more than 7 nonconsecutive days in a month, he will be treated as a worker who voluntarily leaves his job: all the next month's coupons for coffee and cereals, and half the coupons for other articles will be removed from his food ration card.

Blue- and white-collar workers and officials with unexcused absences from work and their families will lose points from their 3-months' textiles and shoe cards as follows: for 3 to 6 days of unauthorized absence during the quarter, one fifth of the points will be removed; for 6 to 10 days, one quarter; for 10 to 15 days, one third; and for 15 to 20 days, one half. For more than 20 days of unauthorized absence in 3 months, a worker will be treated as a person just starting to work: he and his family will receive no ration cards for textiles and shoes until he has been working for 3 months from the last day of the unauthorized absence.

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MANPOWER SHORTAGE IN HEAVY INDUSTRY -- Porta, No 110, 10 May 49

During the last 2 years, Yugoslav heavy industry has acquired many large plants equipped with modern machinery and equipment, but still suffers from a shortage of skilled workers. The necessary qualified workers, especially metalworkers, must be drawn from industry and handicrafts of Republic and local jurisdiction and from light industry and railroad transportation of national jurisdiction, and absorbed into heavy industry, where they are more urgently needed.

Workers assigned to heavy industry should regard their assignment as a patriotic duty and personal obligation. They should be made to see that improving their qualifications will increase their earnings and improve their standard of living.

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